

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 - 50. (canceled)

1 51. (currently amended) The coffee machine defined in
2 claim [[50]] 54 wherein the pivot is below the slide.

1 52. (previously presented) The coffee machine defined in
2 claim 51 wherein the guide means further includes a nonstraight
3 guide along which the slide is displaceable.

53. (canceled)

1 54. (previously presented) A coffee machine
2 comprising:
3 a housing;
4 an upper supply part on the housing and a lower supply
5 part movable relative to the upper part between an upper position
6 and a lower position;
7 a container adapted to hold a charge of coffee grounds
8 and fittable with the lower supply part;
9 guide means on the housing and container including a
10 slide and a pivot for displacement of the container between
11 a coffee-making position fitted with the lower
12 part and pressing the lower part into the
13 upper position, and

14 a loading/emptying position spaced from the
15 lower part and tipped away from the lower
16 part, whereby in the loading/emptying
17 position coffee grounds can be loaded into
18 or cleared out of the container, the
19 container being separable from the housing
20 in the loading/emptying position;
21 supply means connected through the upper supply part with
22 the lower supply part for forcing a hot fluid through the coffee
23 grounds in the container only in the coffee-making position of the
24 container;
25 a plurality of telescoping parts extensible to form an
26 infusion chamber capable of holding the coffee grounds and fittable
27 with the supply lower part and collapsible for clearing of the
28 grounds from the chamber; and
29 abutment means for sequential shifting of the parts on
30 movement from a collapsed position to an extended position.

1 55. (previously presented) The coffee machine defined in
2 claim 54, further comprising
3 a clearing element that can sweep across one of the parts
4 in the collapsed position for clearing the coffee grounds from the
5 chamber.

1 56. (previously presented) The coffee machine defined in
2 claim 54, further comprising
3 a latch lever for securing together the parts on
4 separation of the container from the housing.

1 57. (previously presented) The coffee machine defined
2 in claim 54, further comprising
3 safety means for preventing operation of the supply means
4 when the parts are improperly fitted to the lower supply part.

1 58. (previously presented) The coffee machine defined
2 in claim 57 wherein the safety means includes position detecting
3 means on the housing for detecting the position of one of the
4 telescoping parts.

1 59. (previously presented) A coffee machine
2 comprising:
3 a housing;
4 an upper supply part on the housing and a lower supply
5 part movable relative to the upper part between an upper position
6 and a lower position;
7 a container adapted to hold a charge of coffee grounds
8 and fittable with the lower supply part;
9 guide means on the housing and container including a
10 slide and a pivot for displacement of the container between

11 a coffee-making position fitted with the lower
12 part and pressing the lower part into the
13 upper position, and
14 a loading/emptying position spaced from the
15 lower part and tipped away from the lower
16 part, whereby in the loading/emptying
17 position coffee grounds can be loaded into
18 or cleared out of the container, the
19 container being separable from the housing
20 in the loading/emptying position; and
21 supply means connected through the upper supply part with
22 the lower supply part for forcing a hot fluid through the coffee
23 grounds in the container only in the coffee-making position of the
24 container; and
25 safety means including spring-loaded teeth engageable
26 between the housing and the container for preventing operation of
27 the machine when the container is not in a position fitted
28 perfectly to the housing.

1 60. (previously presented) The coffee machine defined
2 in claim 59 wherein the safety means include a cover engageable
3 with the container and a switch operable by the cover when the
4 cover engages the machine in the perfectly fitted position of the
5 container.

1 61. (currently amended) ~~The coffee machine defined in~~
2 ~~claim 50, further comprising~~ A coffee machine comprising:
3 a housing;
4 an upper supply part on the housing and a lower supply
5 part movable relative to the upper part between an upper position
6 and a lower position;
7 a container adapted to hold a charge of coffee grounds
8 and fittable with the lower supply part;
9 guide means on the housing and container including a
10 slide and a pivot for displacement of the container between
11 a coffee-making position fitted with the lower
12 part and pressing the lower part into the
13 upper position, and
14 a loading/emptying position spaced from the
15 lower part and tipped away from the lower
16 part, whereby in the loading/emptying
17 position coffee grounds can be loaded into
18 or cleared out of the container, the
19 container being separable from the housing
20 in the loading/emptying position;
21 supply means connected through the upper supply part with
22 the lower supply part for forcing a hot fluid through the coffee
23 grounds in the container only in the coffee-making position of the
24 container; and

25 means including a valve upstream of the supply means
26 openable to supply water thereto, the valve including
27 a hollow valve body,
28 a piston slidable in the valve body and having an
29 end face forming a variable-volume compartment
30 with the valve body, and
31 three annular outwardly open grooves formed on the
32 piston, the piston having an end face forming a
33 variable-volume compartment with the valve
34 body, the piston further having a first duct
35 extending between one of the grooves and the
36 compartment and a second duct extending between
37 another of the grooves and the exterior.

62 - 64. (canceled)